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### **SDPD BEGINS ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION PILOT PROGRAM IN MID CITY DIVISION**

(San Diego) On April 30, 2007, SDPD Mid City Division officers will begin a six-month pilot program during which individuals creating significant disturbances can receive an administrative citation which carries a fine of \$1000. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of complaints of loud parties and disturbances. This program allows SDPD officers to hold tenants and owners accountable for disturbing the peace and quality of life of those around them.

The administrative citation program will be in effect in the following neighborhoods (Mid City Division neighborhoods): Kensington, College Area, Talmadge, Oak Park, Rolando, Chollas Creek, Fairmount Village, El Cerrito, Colina del Sol, Webster, Swan Canyon, Teralta, Azalea Park, Hollywood Park and City Heights.

The administrative citation program will be used for noise complaints, loud parties and disturbances. If residents are creating a disturbance that can be heard from more than 50 feet from their residence, they are subject to an administrative citation. The disturbance can be noise from a stereo or live band, yelling and/or fighting. In addition, parties with large numbers of individuals that spill out into the street can be subject to the citation. Issuance of a citation does not preclude officers from also taking criminal action against others at the party or disturbance.

An individual who receives the citation must either pay the \$1000 fine or file for an appeal within 10 days. The appeal will be before a judge and the officer who wrote the citation will be in attendance at the appeal. If the fine is not paid or an appeal is not requested within 10 days, a 10 percent penalty will be added to the fine.

The administrative citation program will be evaluated after three months and then again at the end of the six-month period. If a determination is made that the program has been effective in reducing the number of noise and loud party complaints, the City Council may decide to extend the program citywide.

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